

REMARKS

Claims 11, 12, 81, and 92-94 are pending in the application, with claims 11, 12, and 81 being independent. Claims 11, 12, 81, and 92-94 have been amended and claims 95 and 96 have been canceled. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 11, 12, 81, and 92-94 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendments to claims 11, 12, and 81.

Claims 11, 12, 81, and 92-94 also have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Groeneveld (U.S. Patent No. 4,967,140) in view of Koyama (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0048408 A1). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Groeneveld, Koyama, nor any proper combination of the two describes or suggests a first switch configured to "select a current source circuit from the pair of current source circuits for receiving the signal current" and a second switch configured to "select a current source circuit from the pair of current source circuits for outputting the output current," as recited in claims 11 and 12, or a plurality of first switches, each of which is configured to "select a current source circuit from the plurality of current source circuits for receiving the first current," and a plurality of second switches, each of which is configured to "select a current source circuit from the plurality of current source circuits for supplying the second current," as recited in claim 81.

The rejection points to Groeneveld's switches S1.1 S2.1, S3.1, S4.1, S1.2, S2.2, S3.2, and S4.2 as corresponding to the recited first switches and Groeneveld's switches S1.4, S2.4, S3.4, and S4.4 as corresponding to the recited second switches. However, Groeneveld's switches are not configured to perform the functions noted above. Koyama, which is cited as showing the details of a signal line driver circuit, does not remedy the failure of Groeneveld to describe or suggest switches configured to perform the functions noted above. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

All claims are in condition for allowance.

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